

Telehealth: Updates on use, beneficiary and clinician experiences, and other topics of interest

ISSUE: Historically, Medicare’s physician fee schedule has covered a limited set of telehealth services in rural locations. During the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the Congress and CMS temporarily expanded Medicare’s coverage of telehealth services and increased payment for these services.

KEY POINTS: In the March 2021 report, the Commission presented a policy option for the Congress and CMS to temporarily continue some of the telehealth expansions to gather more evidence of their impact on access, quality, and cost.

ACTION: The Commission will discuss updated information on telehealth use and clinicians’ and patients’ experiences with telehealth during the PHE, as well as additional information on topics of interest.